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REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Chas. E. Barker Sustains
His Plea For an Open
Market.

GIVES THE STATISTICS

To Show That Supply and
Demand Control Price
of Weed.

Rural Free Dulaney sends me a copy of a Louisville paper of February 6th, that has an article from E. L. Davenport. In an editorial on the same page I learn that Mr. Davenport is one of the official heads of the A. S. of E.

Please let me commend to Prest. D. the last section of this editorial and add that "in the mouths of babes and sucklings there is found wisdom."

"We are always glad to open our columns to the discussion of any and all topics affecting the welfare of farmers, and are particularly glad to publish communications from men of the intelligence and high standing of Mr. Barker and Mr. Davenport."

After questioning my honesty of purpose and intelligence—as has become a habit of these self-appointed guardians of us Reubens and Hayseeds who refused to anoint their feet, he proceeds as follows:

"I believe in scientific production of crops as taught by our agricultural schools and farm journals. I also believe in scientific selling as taught by the A. S. of E."

"There is a great deal of sensible, practical experience sent out by our agricultural schools and farm journals, and to head the list of the latter I suggest the 'Farmers Home Journal,' that has been knocking theory and nonsense for 30 years to my personal knowledge. I know that more sense should be applied to work of Farmers Institutes and meetings, where subjects of common interest would be discussed by men who are broad and experienced and who have given careful thought to their consideration. I do not believe in selling as taught by the A. S. of E. for not only is it unscientific but each day that passes shows its foundation is not secure. Mr. D. asked me to take notice of statistics of tobacco that I presume he gets from the Year Book of the Department of Agriculture. I learn from what he says that 'we produced 718 million pounds of tobacco in 1908.' Just about a year's supply for the world. Then he supposes that if the Kentucky Burley folks had produced their average portion of 160 millions there would have been instead of a year's supply produced in 1908—about 150 million surplus—this he says 'the trust would use to beat down prices and go back to their old argument—'over-production.'"

Now, Mr. D. I agree fully in all this, simply in place of the word "trust" insert the law of supply and demand and we stand on the same platform and you will be one of Chas. E. Barker's followers. If not impertinent, what will the A. S. of E. do this year when Kentucky will not only produce her 160 millions—but 200 or more millions then with a crop in the world of nearly one billion pounds. I want to know how will you fellows who have assumed control of the price of farm products manage it?

I read very carefully what you say about organizing with "Johnnies on the spot." A. S. of E. all over the country from Dan to Beer-Sheba, make every section attend to its own business, and not produce any crop that will conflict with its neighbor. That the earth is the A. S. of E.'s and the fullness thereof, etc. "Then and then only can we maintain permanent and profitable prices on tobacco." Let me say you have zeal without knowledge, grit without

init and assurance surpassing President Roosevelt. May the good Lord go with you, watch over and protect you. Your last sentence is as follows:

"Just one more word to Mr. Barker. He says in his article, 'Let us get back to the old days—Free trade and Sailors' rights—an open competitive market.' If the years 1901-02-03 are the 'good old days,' Lord deliver me from 'sailors' rights.' I don't want any more of this 31 nothing and a cussing that we had in those years of an open market. Mr. Barker, as you are advocating loose sales, I ask you to please tell what the loose floor in Hopkinsville is doing now. Is it maintaining as good prices to the growers who are selling there now as paid one year ago in the same market?"

"E. L. Davenport."

Referring to these same statistics of tobacco we find that in 1900 we produced more than 814 million lbs. 1901 more than 818 million lbs; 1902 more than 821 million lbs; 1903 more than 815 million lbs. Total 3,268 million lbs. in 4 years while the world used less than 750 million per year, or 3 billions in 4 years. We had produced a surplus of 268 millions or more than one-third of a year's needs. Over production showed its hand in prices in 1903-4. Why did not A. S. of E. control prices then, and make it profitable? Now look again at the same statistics. In 1904 we produced instead of 815 millions only 660 millions; 1905, 633 millions; 1906, 682 millions; 1907, 693 millions; a total of 2,673 millions. Now we see we have gotten as far below the demands of the world as we were above in 1903. And we find ourselves in good shape, but as you say we made 718 millions without Kentucky, and by these 7-11 cent prices on lugs we have attracted the attention of the whole world to the growing of tobacco. I feel it my duty to admonish you, to beg you, to beseech you to recognize a law that you can temporarily suspend but that you can no more abrogate than you can the law of gravitation or the ten commandments.

One, nothing and a cussing is not to be desired. Cussing hurts nobody save the one who indulges in it—unless we deserve it by having done something foolish. Such as making a lot of farmers believe we can and are controlling prices when we are doing nothing of the kind.

The market report for loose floor sales at Hopkinsville covers the case fully: Just let the A. S. of E. and the Protective Association get behind open auction sales. Then supply and demand will come instantly to the producers assistance. Not only in giving the highest price to the grower, but by this system, the tobacco is graded, priced and sold to each and every demand, be it a monopoly or a small special order.

The independent who wants to speculate on these orders that are often a matter of fancy, will come on the breaks and will take that tobacco away from the monopoly. Let the farmer be allowed to go to the buyer while his tobacco is being cried off and say, "Mr. Norman Smith that is my tobacco and I want you to help me. I owe a land note that is pressing me"—or to Mr. Clark and tell him that that tobacco is all we have got to educate our children and who shall make this a decent moral community when he, who has been the nestor of this market for 50 years and I am a producer for 25 years—shall be gone.

Let them go to these buyers who personally know them and want to help them, and look each other square in the eyes and the result will be a square deal. There are certain great laws of nature and of trade that we cannot throw down. Either by legislation or by any form of organization, but when we like sensible men, call them into aid and counsel and adopt them into our business, we at once attract the attention of soberness and conservatism and eradicate lawlessness and radicalism.

If the different tobacco growers' associations will build on this basis I am sure the helping hand of all such men as myself are at your command. That instead of resorting to lawlessness to form an association the very fundamental principles will appeal to all that is worthy in a man and he

will be forced, from a business standpoint to enlist. Let us only "be brave and fearless and loyal to the great common people."—Chas. E. Barker in Farmers Home Journal.

Amusements

A carnival of beauty and a continuous chain of merriment put a gilt-edge touch to the offering of The Black Crook, Jr., Burlesquers, the latest and greatest of all musical extravaganzas with their appearance at The Holland opera house Tuesday night, Feb. 23. They will give evidence of the short-coming of similar attractions, this production being identified as the most perfect of its kind, and if fact being nearer to a spectacular musical aggregation than to the commonly called burlesque attraction. The decorative part in The Black Crook, Jr., Burlesquers offering required the skill of the most prominent equipment with its unique and brilliant illuminations emanate from the electrical department of one of New York's most famous mechanics, while the costuming is to the greatest portion the creation of a noted Parisian theatrical costumer.

"Two Merry Tramps."

Of "Two Merry Tramps," the attraction at Holland's Opera House Friday night, Feb. 26, many pleasing things have been said by the critics, not only in the larger cities but in the night stands as well during the past season where "Two Merry Tramps" have been presented, about Wood & Ward's production. The play being strictly a musical comedy with three acts and a bevy of pretty girls.

The title of the piece is somewhat misleading, but it is only the title, for from the rise to the fall of the curtain it is just one of the cleanest, jolliest and liveliest of comedies that has enlivened the musical field. Never for an instant does it bring a blush, but instead brings laughter that is irrepressible.

BUSY WEEK

Every Line of Tobacco Business Rushed.

The report from the association shows sales of sixteen hogsheds of the 1907 crop here last week. The Society of Equity made no report for the week, but their receipts were heavy. The past week was an excellent one for handling the weed and as a result much tobacco was delivered and every line of the business was rushed.

I. W. Harper Whiskey.

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PRIZE GIVEN TO MADISONVILLE

Owensboro Second—the Next
Meeting to Be Held In
Paducah.

FIVE STUDENTS ORATE.

Exercises Witnessed By Big
Crowd of Interested
Spectators.

Madisonville, Ky., Feb. 19.—In the annual oratorical contest, to which college circles of Western Kentucky look forward to with much interest, a representative of the Madisonville high school, in the person of Fay Townes, whose subject was, "Does Might Make Right," was awarded the prize.

The exercises were held in the tabernacle with a crowd of more than seven or eight hundred interested spectators in attendance. Owensboro, Henderson, Paducah, Pembroke, Hopkinsville, Princeton and other places were well represented.

The judges were: Hon. Clem. Nunn, of Marion, Prof. J. Y. Boyd, of Dixon, and Prof. Girtan, of Morgantown.

The prize was a handsomely engraved gold medal.

The second prize went to Owensboro. This is the second time that Madisonville has captured the prize.

The meeting next year will be held in Paducah.

The contestants and their subjects are as follows:

Hopkinsville High School—Harry Cate, "Jamestown, Yorktown and Appomattox."

Madisonville High School—Fay Townes, "Does Might make Right."

Paducah High School—Edwin Lightfoot, "The Evil of the Hour."

Princeton High School—Roy F. Stevens, "The Southern Hero."

Owensboro High School—J. Houston Payne, "Old Kentucky."

Henderson High School—Not represented.

Pembroke High School—Ernest Vass, "State-wide Prohibition in Kentucky."

SURPRISE WEDDING.

Mr. Will Kimmons and Miss Myrtie Lindsay Married.

Miss Myrtie Lindsay was married Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock to Mr. Will Kimmons, of St. Louis. The wedding took place at the family residence on South Main street and was entirely unannounced. Only a few witnesses were present. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. I. N. Strother, of Memphis. The marriage was the culmination of a courtship of several years and while their engagement was well understood among their friends, the marriage was a complete surprise; so carefully had the secret been kept that the bride and groom had departed for St. Louis on the 10:24 train before any one knew of the wedding. Mr. Kimmons is a popular young traveling man who has recently connected himself with a wholesale firm in St. Louis, this city being in his territory. For the next few weeks his business will require him to be stationed in St. Louis, after which the young couple will return to Hopkinsville and reside here.

Mrs. Kimmons is a sister of Mr. Chas. W. Lindsay, of Madisonville, and has made her home in this city for about two years.

Until he went into business for himself in St. Louis, last fall, Mr. Kimmons was the traveling representative of a Louisville house, with headquarters in this city.

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